

OVERCOMING WORLDLINESS

What is worldliness?

- 1 John 2:15-17
- Ephesians 2:1-3

Men of old faced worldliness

- Solomon
- Moses
- Paul

Jesus taught men & women to turn from worldliness

- Matthew 5:27-28
- Luke 12:15
- Matthew 6:1-2
- Matthew 16:24-26

The apostles taught men & women to turn from worldliness

- Acts 18:11-12; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11
- Acts 17:21, 30-31
- Acts 19:19-20
- Acts 26:20

The apostles continued to teach Christians the need to leave worldliness

- 1 Corinthians 5:1-2; 6:18
- Ephesians 5:5
- 1 Corinthians 4:6, 5:2
- Galatians 5:19-21
- Ephesians 5:1-7, 8-21

Why did they continue to teach it?

- Because of the ease with which one can carelessly, un-carefully fall back into that which he left
 - Acts 8:18-19
- Because of the influence of the culture in which we live
 - Athens, Corinth, Jewish cities
- Because the constant onslaught of temptations from the devil
 - Ephesians 6:11

Why did they continue to teach it?

- Because of the subtlety of error and deceit of the devil
 - 2 Corinthians 11:3
 - 1 Peter 5:18
- Because of the temptation to compromise with a culture that has constantly evolving standards of acceptable behavior.
 - Ephesians 5:11
- Because of the pressures put upon Christians to conform
 - Conform, conform, conform.
 - 1 Peter 4:1-5

Romans 12:1-2 teaches us about worldliness and what to do about it.

- Present your bodies a living sacrifice
- Now a two-fold attack
 - Do not be conformed
 - But be transformed
 - By the renewing of your mind
 - That you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God

Why leave worldliness?

- 1 John 2:15
 - Cannot be worldly & love the Father
 - The world is passing away
 - He who does the will of God abides forever
- Matthew 6:24
 - That you might be saved!

Why leave worldliness?

- Because worldliness is an enemy of
 - Christ
 - the Christian
 - the church
- Luke 8:14
- Matthew 5:13

Why leave worldliness?

- No peace or joy in the service of the devil
 - Romans 6:21
- Life is short
 - Psalm 90:10
 - James 4:14
 - Mark 8:36